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Applicant(s): Yoo, Woo Sik
Assignee: WaferMasters, Inc.
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 24, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a clean version of the entire set of pending claims. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii), Attachment A provides a marked-up version of the claim containing the newly introduced changes.

1. (Amended) A method for transporting semiconductor wafers comprising:
providing a processing system including a transport module and process chamber;
extending a semiconductor wafer transport device from said transport module into an adjacently positioned Front Opening Unified Pod (FOUP) while said FOUP remains a separate component from said processing system; and
removing at least one semiconductor wafer from said FOUP using said wafer transport device.